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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATION

The 11th January, 2011.

No.POL.214/91/267.—The Notification No.S.O. 2707 (E), dated 4th November, 2010 published by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, declaring of Assam and 20 Kms. wide belt in the State of Meghalaya along the Border with Assam as 'Disturbed Area' Under Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 is hereby republished for general information.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi, the 4th November, 2010.

S.O.2707(E).—Whereas the Central Government in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (28 of 1958) had declared the entire State of Assam as 'Disturbed Area' with effect from 27th November, 1990 *vide* Notification S.O. 916 (E), dated 27th November, 1990.

And whereas the Central Government in exercise of power conferred by Section 3 of the aforesaid Act had also declared besides other areas, the areas falling within 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya along their border with the State of Assam as 'Disturbed Area'.

And whereas the declaration that the State of Assam and areas falling within 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya along their border with the State of Assam shall be 'Disturbed Area' under the aforesaid Act was extended from time to time after reviewing the law and order situation in the State of Assam and aforesaid areas.

And whereas a further review of the law and order situation in Assam and 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya bordering Assam indicates the following:-

- i) The law and order situation in the State of Assam has continued to be a matter of concern due to the violent incidents by Under Ground Outfits.
- ii) During the period January to September, 2010 the Under Ground Outfits were involved in 196 incidents of violence in Assam which resulted in killings of 41 persons including 12 security personnel.

- iii) The militant outfits operating in the area continue to affirm their faith in armed struggle and indulge in acts of violence to create panic among the common people, disturb the administrative system and extort from the people.
- iv) The areas falling in the 20 Kms wide belt inside Arunachal Pradesh have witnessed deterioration in law and order due to militant activities in the Districts of Tirap, Changlang, Lohit, East and West Siang and Lower Dibang Valley Districts. The bordering areas of Assam with Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya have remained infested with by militant activities. Militants continue to carry out extortion activities in the bordering villages United Peoples Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) militants (a Karbi Anglong/Assam based militant outfit), operating in Block-I area (disputed area in Assam-Meghalaya a border/Jaintia Hills district) have also been reportedly demanding house tax from Pnar and Nepali dominated villages *viz.*, Nongrong, Mynju, Umbasoo, Psiar, Mollaber, Murap etc. (all Pnar villages) and Kolalaphang and Mojong (Nepali villages) Petty farmers are also being extorted of the sale proceeds of agricultural products.

Now, therefore, the entire State of Assam and 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya bordering Assam shall continue to be 'Disturbed Area' under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 upto one year unless withdrawn earlier.

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